NORTH. Ha!----Again.
Said *he,* young Harry Percy's spur was cold ?
Of Hotspur, coldspur[5] ? that rebellion
Had met ill luck !
BARD. My lord, I'll tell you what
If my young lord your son have not the day,
Upon mine honour, for a silken point[6]
I'll give my barony: never talk of it.
NORTH. Why should that gentleman, that rode
by Travers,
Give then such instances of loss ?
BARD. Who, he ?
He was some hilding fellow[7], that had stol'n
The horse he rode on; and, upon my life,
Spoke at a venture. Look, here comes more news*

•* He seem'd in running to devour the way.] So in the book of Job, chap. xxxix. ** He *swalloweth* the ground in fierceness and rage."

The same expression occurs in Ben Jonson's Sejanus :

** But with that speed and heat of appetite,
" With which they greedily *devour the way*
** To some great sports." STEEVENS*

So Ariel, to describe his alacrity in obeying Prospero's commands :

" I *drink* the air before me." M. MASON.

So, in one of the Roman poets (I forget which):

•--cursu consumere campum.
BLACKSTONE.

The line quoted by Sir William Blackstone is in Nemesian :

. latumque fugæ consumere campum.
MALONE.

5 Of HOTSPUR, coldspur?] *Hotspur* seems to have been a very common term for a man **of** vehemence and precipitation.
Stanyhlirst, who translated four books of Virgil, in 1584<. renders the following line :

Nec victoris heri tetigit captiva cubile.

** To couch not mounting of mayster vanquisher *hoatspur"*
STEEVENS.

6 — silken POINT —] A *point* is a *string tagged,* or *lace.*
JOHNSON*.

* «— some HILDING fellow.] For *hilderling.* i. e. base.. degenerate. POPE.

HUderting. Degener: vox adhuc agro Devon. familiiiris. *Spel* man.* REED.